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In re Application of:

Hutchings, et al.

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) Examiner: T. Tran
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) Art Unit: 2134
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For: A SYSTEM TO DELIVER ENCRYPTED ACCESS CONTROL INFORMATION TO
SUPPORT INTEROPERABILITY BETWEEN DIGITAL INFORMATION
PROCESSING/CONTROL EQUIPMENT

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This Response is responsive to the final Office Action
mailed on March 18, 2004.

REMARKS

Summary

Claims 1-28 are pending in the application. The Examiner has
indicated that claims 21-23 contain allowable subject matter.

Claims 1-6, 10-14, 16, 18-24 and 26-28 stand rejected under
35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Son (US 6,229,895),
in view of Fruehauf (US 6,590,981).

Claims 7 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as
being unpatentable over Son in view of Fruehauf and Okamoto (US
5,944,794).